GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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BAN ON USE OF EARPHONE WHILE WALKING
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents/deaths taken place due to use of earphones while walking in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to bring a legislation for banning earphones while walking as prevailing in other countries; and

(c) the time by which such a legislation is likely to come in force?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) Road accident data is compiled in the Ministry in a format developed as per the Asia Pacific Road Accident Database (APRAD) project of United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia Pacific (UNESCAP). In this format, specific data for road accidents/deaths taken place due to use of earphones while walking is not compiled. However, State/UT wise total number of road accidents for the last three calendar year (2011 to 2013) is annexed.

(b) & (c) There is no proposal to bring a legislation for banning earphones while walking. However, the Motor Vehicles Act 1988 and Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989 contain a number of provisions to curb use of mobile phone while driving motor vehicles.